IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MATTHEW FRASER, by his Guardian Ad Litem JUDITH ANN FRASER, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

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TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT,

Defendant.

No. C-06-1255 MMC

ORDER OVERRULING OBJECTION TO UNTIMELY OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS; EXTENDING DEADLINE TO FILE REPLY

Before the Court is defendant's objection, filed May 8, 2006, to plaintiffs' untimely opposition to defendant's motion to dismiss. The motion to dismiss was filed April 14, 2006 and noticed for hearing May 19, 2006. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-3, any opposition thereto was required to be filed "not less than 21 days before the hearing date," which in this instance was April 28, 2006. See Civil L.R. 7-3(a). Plaintiffs filed their opposition one week late, on May 5, 2006. Defendant argues that the opposition should be stricken as untimely or, alternatively, that the Court should extend the deadline for defendant to file its reply.

To date, plaintiffs have submitted no justification for their untimely filing. The Court expects the parties to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the Local Rules of

this District. Because there is no prejudice to defendant if it is granted additional time to file a reply, however, the Court will not strike the untimely opposition but, rather, will extend the deadline for defendant to file its reply.

Accordingly, defendant's objection to plaintiff's untimely opposition is hereby OVERRULED. The deadline for defendant to file its reply is hereby EXTENDED to May 12, 2006. Absent further order of the Court, the motion remains scheduled for hearing on May 19, 2006.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 9, 2006

MAXINE M. CHESNEY United States District Judge